Entertaining Programmes on DD

†3020. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of entertaining programmes are telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the average number of such programmes telecast on Doordarshan during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number, out of those programmes, which were produced by employees/artists in Government studios; and

(d) the number of those programmes which were got produced by outside agencies, together with the payments made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recommendations of Geetakrishnan Committee

3021. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees identified by the Geetakrishnan Committee from surplus pool in her Ministry, Category-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Committee has also recommended for closure of Films Division, Directorate of Field Publicity, Songs and Drama Division, Publications and Photo Division etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons for such a recommendations; and

(d) its impact on the Ministry?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ):

(a) The Expenditure Reforms Commission identified 5603 posts of the Ministry, excluding Prasar Bharati, lor abolition. Category-wise details are given in Statement *(See* below).

(b) The Committee recommended closure of Films Division and Photo Division, handing over the functions being performed by the Directorate of Field Publicity and Song & Drama Division to the State Governments and handing over the functions of Publications Division to other formations of the Central Government.

(c) The recommendations have been given on the premise that documentary films can be produced and photo coverage arranged by concerned Ministries, growth of other media, role of the State Government in the areas where these units operate and existence of organisations of the Central Government performing related functions.

(d) Such a move would adversely affect the production of documentary films in the country, take away the interactive means of communication from publicity efforts, keep the large areas not convered by the electronic media out of reach of publicity campaigns and lead to waste of expertise acquired by these units in their respective fields.

Statement

Posts identified by Geetakrishnan Committee for abolition in Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

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A	B	C	D	National Film Development Corporation	TOTAL
233	961	2620	1582	207	5603